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P R E F A C E.

EVERY Child should be told, that the strongest inducement to take him abroad, is good behaviour at home ; and that it is wise, if he have two kinds of conduct, to put on the best, when visitors are present. How many miss an invitation, or a pastime, because they are feared as objects of disorder and anxiety ! Like little maniacs, no sooner are they from their parents' eye, than they commence a warfare upon all that is within their reach : and the result is, that they never can be permitted to come again, unless in frosty weather, when their hands are bound up for chilblanes, and their voice cannot be heard for hoarseness. Children would double their comforts by halving their rudeness.

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AFFECTION.

None enters the house of Mr. Fairfax without being pleased at the love which unites his children. No contention is ever heard about which shall run to the door, or fetch their grandmama's spectacles. Here we see Harry, who is the eldest, making his sisters stand up to rehearse their minuets, that they may appear at the ensuing dancing master's ball with credit to themselves and him.

THE ACCIDENT.

One evening this little party dancing, unfortunately turned it into a reel, for Emily's foot catching in a ruck of the carpet, she fell forward on the fender, and cut her forehead. Harry and Emma were both sharers in the accident, but Emily made as light of it as possible, and bid them rather rejoice at the goodness of Providence, which had preserved her eyes, to be the witnesses of their interest in her welfare.



Fire Side and Punishment





Fire and Thieves



Few errors in the behaviour of little folks are more disliked than forwardness. Mary Burney is one of this kind : no sooner are you seated than she jumps on your knee, rummages your pockets, and you cannot get rid of her. She was one day served a good trick by Mr Manners, who, had scarcely seated himself, before her hand was in his pocket, where a live lobster lay in ambush, and gave her such a bite, that the blood followed the intrusion.

MASTER RESTLESS.

Master Restless had the same fault. A naval officer calling one day, he whipped his dirk out of the sheath, and he did not miss it till he was gone. He once took a watch out of a gentleman's fob, and let it fall, by which he spoiled a better pair of hands than his own. He was a great climber on the backs of chairs, and once, by the person suddenly rising, he fell backwards, and his head alighting on Cæsar's paw, he shook him by the nose.

BALLOON and CAR.

Balloons are of French invention, though the theory was known to the ancients, and it must be plain that any thing lighter than air will ascend above us, for the same reason that a bladder filled with common air will float on water. Lunardi was the first who filled and went up with a balloon in this country, since which M. Blanchard crossed the sea in one from Dover to Calais. P. de Rosier and another French gentleman were dashed to pieces in France, by the cords taking fire which suspended the car to their balloon, and Major Money had perished in one at sea, if a ship had not saved him in the instant of sinking.

PARACHUTE.

M. Garnerin, the latest and most successful of balloon travellers, invented and descended in one of these enormous umbrellas from a great height in 1802, previous to which he went up from Vauxhall, and sent a kitten down by one,—the first kitten that every rose so high.



Miss Burney and Master Restless





Story Telling and Detection



JULIET'S FAMILY.

Little Juliet's first care in the morning was to provide for the wants of her little family, who looked up to her with the same hope she does to her parents. One unlucky day, being called away in a hurry, Dido, who was a great bird fancier, rushed into the room, cruelly breakfasted on her playful squirrel, and ended his meal with the death of her linnet.—He only, who has felt such a sad loss, can paint the feelings or attitude of Juliet when she saw the wrecks of cages and the remains of her favourites bleeding on the floor.

TOBY'S SENTENCE.

After the linnet's remains had been laid under a chickweed hillock, and those of Scug under a nut-tree, at which poor Juliet assisted as chief mourner, Toby was transported to the garden. There, in a small abode, placed between the two tombstones, he was chained up, as dangerous to society, and at length died in the Dog-days for madness.

THE OUSTITI, OR CAGVI.

This little playful animal is of the monkey kind, and does not exceed 7 inches in length. Its long bushy tail is marked with rings of black and ash colour; the flesh of the face is of a swarthy hue, the ears large, and the body finely marked with ash colour and reddish bars; its nails are very sharp, which some poor gold fish one day experienced, on its getting loose; for it made no bones of picking theirs, and, it may be said, must have had a *rich* feast. It inhabits Brazil, feeds on fruit, &c.

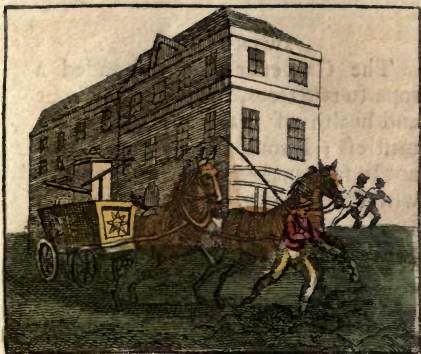
ALLIGATOR.

This is an amphibious and cruel animal, of the crocodile species, infesting the Nile, and other great rivers of the torrid zone. Its rough, hard, and long body, as it lies in wait, is often mistaken by its victims for the trunk of a tree. Its jaws dissever a limb at a bite, and the difficulty it finds in turning round is the traveller's best hope of escape.— Its eggs are the prey of the vulture.



Juliet's Family. and Toby's Sentence.





Fire Engine and Electricity



SWINGING.

The Gardener has suspended a rope to two trees, for the amusement and health of his young master and mistress ; I would only caution Miss not to fall out,—a thing she never did with the servants,

SKIPPING.

This is a sort of slack-rope dancing, and much the safest of the two. While others have the rope's end, you apply it to exercise ; in both instances however it is often of benefit.

A FIRE-ENGINE.

This machine is too often seen to need description, but the means by which it acts are similar to the pump ; the force of the pressure, added to the smallness of the pipe, forces the water with prodigious force to a great height.

ELECTRICITY.

This machine, unlike the last one, conveys fire into bodies, which is produced by the quick turning of a glass cylinder : its shock, like lightning, can be made strong enough to produce instant death,

GUY VAUX,

These boys have got what they call a Pope, whom they have chaired, in commemoration of the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot. At night he will be set fire to, and then he may see how he likes to be blowed up.

FATAL CURIOSITY.

This monkey has placed his head before the mouth of a loaded cannon, while he applies a lighted match to the touch-hole, that he may see the cause why one end fills the other with flame. Like many others, he got his death by his curiosity.

LAMPLIGHTER.

This man is the light of the world at night, and sees as many ups and downs as any one. He and the tallow-chandler are the Sun's enemies, and of all days hate the longest most.

CHIMNEY SWEEPERS.

On May-day these sons of soot dress themselves in the most gaudy rags, and dance to get money. Summer always makes them look pale.

END.



Guy Faux and Fatal Curiosity





Lamplighter and Chimney Sweepers



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